

Member often feel ambivalent about having excellent staff leave. We miss their contribution to our work. But we also enjoy watching them grow and prosper elsewhere, always in the knowledge that we knew them way back when.

Mr. Lloyd's family is very proud of him. So am I. May God bless him and guide him on his way. And may the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States state that Mr. Lloyd served his country with distinction as a member of the staff of the House of Representatives.

#### REVISING ELECTION PROCEDURES

### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I am being joined by my colleagues from American Samoa and the Virgin Islands in introducing legislation that will revise the election procedures of delegates to Congress from the territories. The bill will repeal the requirement for a separate ballot for elections of delegates from the territories. However, this bill does not distinctly require a single ballot for every election. By amending 48 U.S.C. 1712(a) and 48 U.S.C. 1732(a), an option to either elect their Washington delegates either via single or separate ballot is granted to territorial election commissions.

The provision for Guam and the Virgin Islands was approved in 1972 and the one pertaining to Samoa passed in 1978. Roughly two decades after their respective implementations, these sections of the U.S. Code have somehow become outdated. My colleagues, Mr. FALOMAVAEGA and Mr. FRAZER from the Virgin Islands, agree with me that taking this route would be the most feasible, logical, and timely approach for this type of situation.

According to Henry Torres, the executive director of the Guam Election Commission, the commission recently acquired access to an AIS 315 Scanner, a computerized tabulation machine that could efficiently record votes printed on both sides of a ballot. The utilization a single ballot promises to save the commission thousands of dollars every election in overtime, programming, printing, postage and handline, and paper costs. The only thing stopping them is a phrase in 48 U.S.C. 1712(a) that reads, by separate ballot.

Two decades worth of technological advances have brought about means that now enable us to perform tasks with increased efficiency and lower costs. This motion to repeal the separate ballot requirement for delegate votes stands to take advantage of these advances. I ask my colleagues to support this bill that is designed to take territorial election procedures into the 21st century.

#### TRIBUTE TO ED NIEDERMAIER

### HON. JOHN BRYANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I call this body's attention to the anniversary of the birth of one

of the truly distinguished residents of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas. July 5, marks the 100 anniversary of the birth of Mr. Ed Niedermaier, who was born during the second term of Grover Cleveland's Presidency of these United States and who has lived to see the administration of 19 of our 42 heads of state.

As remarkable as that is, it is one of the lesser feats of this man who left home as a teenage boy to serve in the Army in what was then referred to as the Great War.

Ed Niedermaier returned home a man and we in Dallas and Texas have been most fortunate that thanks to the love of a young lady, Mr. Niedermaier chose to live a large portion of his life among us.

This first-generation American was called into the Army on February 22, 1918, first as an infantryman, later transferring to the 55th Corps of Engineers while stationed at Chateauroux, 75 miles southwest of Paris.

Back home from the war to end all wars, Mr. Niedermaier moved to Oklahoma City, married and began raising a family of three children. Tragedy struck in 1939 with the death of his wife. But Ed Niedermaier persisted and raised all three.

Three fine children, he told interviewers at his home at the Buckner Baptist Village in Southeast Dallas. When World War II came along, I was obligated to take care of my children, so I didn't join the service. A 45-year-old widowed father of three wouldn't have been expected to fight for his country—for a second time in 23 years—but Ed Niedermaier would have expected that of himself, and he would have again gone to the defense of our Nation if not for being the sole provider for his family of three growing youngsters.

But his involvement in civic and patriotic projects never waned. Ed Niedermaier became commander of the Oklahoma City chapter of the Veterans of World War I and held that position until 1966.

He might still be the Oklahoma City commander today, except for a chance meeting in 1966. While attending a regional meeting in Duncan, OK, he met the widow of one of his fellow World War I soldiers. Eight months later he was married to Louise and they were sharing a home in Dallas—with one proviso:

Louise said she would marry me if, after she retired, I agreed to move to Buckner Retirement Village where she had lots of friends.

After living in their home in Dallas for 17 years, they have been together in their retirement home the last 12.

"So many older fellers just sit around and let their minds go," Mr. Niedermaier told Mike Slaughter in an interview for the Buckner Today magazine. "I don't want my mind to leave because I might not be able to find it again, so I stay active."

Ed Niedermaier has been active for a century now, all to the good of his family, friends, neighbors and country. He said, "There are three principles which I live by—faith in God, love of my country, and service to my fellow man."

I think it is safe to say that everyone in our country who knows Ed and Louise Niedermaier, or knows of their work and life together, join in wishing him a happy 100th birthday and expressing thanks for a century that has made these United States a better home for us all.

#### THE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION ACT

### HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Rail Infrastructure Preservation Act of 1995 a bill to reauthorize a small assistance program for short line and regional railroads that serve local and rural America. These railroads have become a critical factor in whether smaller communities and smaller shippers have access to the national rail system and the economic future that such access ensures.

The Rail Infrastructure Preservation Act will reauthorize the local rail freight assistance program at a \$25 million per year level. This program provides matching fund grants, through the States, to short line and regional railroads. The funds are used primarily for rehabilitation of track and bridge structures that these smaller carriers inherited from the major railroads which sold them the properties. In most cases the grants are one-time events and represent the seed money that the small carriers need to achieve safe and efficient operating conditions.

In addition, the legislation will clarify that the local rail assistance program can be used to assist small railroads restore facilities destroyed in a major natural disaster, such as the 1993 floods in the Mississippi and Missouri River valleys. It also includes technical revisions to the section 511 loan guarantee program, that is currently authorized, in order to make these funds more accessible to small carriers. Together both programs, LRFA grants and section 511 loan guarantees, will continue to ensure a growing and efficient feeder line railroad system in all States.

I am pleased to note that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, in a strong bipartisan vote—17 to 2—on July 20, reported out a bill—S. 920—to reauthorize LRFA grants and modify the loan guarantee provisions as reflected in my bill. The bipartisan support demonstrated in the Senate illustrates the widespread value of this modest program throughout the States. My own State of Tennessee has nine short line railroads operating over tracks which otherwise would have been abandoned.

I urge my colleagues to review the Rail Infrastructure Preservation Act of 1995 and consider supporting it when it is considered in the House of Representatives.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

### HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 2, 1995*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and under consideration the bill (H.R. 2127 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor,